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UNDER SAILING ORDERS.

Tug Potomac Coaling and Ready To Start for Newfoundland.

Ass't Sec'y of State Bacon and Mr. Alexander Have Conference

The United States tug Potomac, Lieut. Hines, now at Portsmouth, has received orders to proceed to Newfoundland to protect American fishing interests. She now is coaling and receiving supplies, and will sail in a few days.

Acting Secretary of the State Bacon and A. B. Alexander of the United States fish commission yesterday had a long conference at Washington regarding the Newfoundland fishing dispute. President Roosevelt has directed that there be a resumption of the study of this question with a view to entering into a new treaty with Great Britain, defining more clearly the rights of American fishermen operating in Newfoundland waters.

A Washington dispatch of yesterday says: "By direction of President Roosevelt, preparations are being made in three of the executive departments for a resumption of the study of the Newfoundland fishing dispute which was carried on throughout the last year.

"A. B. Alexander, chief of the division of statistics and methods of bureau of fisheries at the department of commerce and labor, who spent several months in studying conditions in Newfoundland waters, has again been selected as the agent of the government.

"He will have the use of the naval tug Potomac in making his investigations, and will be armed with authority from the state department in his negotiations with officials in Newfoundland. The date of his departure for Newfoundland has not yet been fixed.

"A new treaty defining the rights of American fishermen in Newfoundland waters is the probable outcome of Mr. Alexander's visit, but of prime importance to the fishermen themselves will be instructions he will undertake to give to captains of fishing smacks as to their exact rights under the existing Newfoundland treaty.

"It is believed at the state department that fully one-half of the seizures of American fishing vessels have been caused by ignorance on the part of the fishermen about their treaty rights or their exact location at the time seized. While the question of getting bait for the fishing smacks has been one of the serious factors, the real trouble has come from violations by Americans in getting labor to man their fishing vessels.

"On several occasions Americans have entered Newfoundland ports and there have contracted for local fishermen, taking them on board beyond the limits of the waters patrolled by the British. This has resulted in the seizure of many fishing smacks when they entered Newfoundland ports, and the violation of the Newfoundland regulations has been held to have been as great as though the Canadian fishermen actually were taken on board within the ports.

"Other troubles have arisen through trawling for fish, which is not permitted in Newfoundland waters, yet Americans have construed existing treaty rights as authorizing them to use trawl lines.

"Mr. Alexander will gather statistics concerning the extent of the fisheries and the values of the industries, making comparisons between the British and American interests.

"This investigation will be for the purpose of determining just what damage there has been to the interests of both countries by reason of the long-continuing dispute. Chandler Anderson, who was secretary of

the Behring sea arbitration, is preparing data which will be useful in the event of negotiations for a new treaty. This information will be given to Secretary of State Root, who has arranged to take up the entire subject immediately upon his return from his South American tour."

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97,000,000 LOBSTER LIBERATED

Fish Commission Sch. Grampus on Last Trip of the Season.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus, Capt. G. F. O. Hanson, left Portsmouth yesterday for Boothbay on her last trip of the season. During the summer she has made weekly trips between Portsmouth and Boothbay, collecting lobster spawn at all intermediate points. Over 97,000,000 lobsters have been hatched and liberated during the summer between Portsmouth and Boothbay, 27,000,000 of them being in the neighborhood of Boon Island.

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A NEW FISHERY TANGLE.

St. Johns, Sept. 7.—The French shore question has been revived under a new aspect. A French vessel fishing within territorial waters on the northeast coast complained that people on the coast destroyed her nets. British and French warships investigated and the imperial government invited the colony to punish its subjects if found to be in the wrong. The colonial cruiser Fiona, with officials, has been dispatched to the scene to hold a full inquiry.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, seining, 20 bbls salt mackerel.

Sch. Manhasset, seining, 5 bbls, salt mackerel.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mohawk, Eastport, Me., 350 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. George H. Lubee, via Boston.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1.05; pollock, 65 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.25.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.37 1-2 for medium.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.75 medium do., \$2.75.

Bank halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$21 per bbl.

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Salt tinker mackerel, \$11 per bbl.
Fresh medium mackerel, 15 1-2 cts. each.
Fresh tinker mackerel, 3 cts. each.
Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Grace Darling, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod,

Sch. Marion, 2 swordfish, 1000 cod, 300 pollock.

Sch. Braganza, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 25,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 43 swordfish.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 4000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 60,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25 to \$2; swordfish, 10 cts. per lb.

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NOVEL BANQUET.

Fish Commission Men Eat Cooked Squid and Dogfish.

Prof. Irving A. Field of the United States Fish Commission a few nights ago at Wood's Hole served to his scientific friends and associates samples of sea food long regarded as unfit to eat on which he has been experimenting during the summer.

The majority voted that the dinner was a fine one. Prof. Field said: "A seafood must pass these standards: Palatability, digestibility, be nutritious and abundant. It should come from deep cold water rather than warm, shallow water. The animal should feed on other living animals or on vegetable matter.

"The following pass muster under this test: The snail (littorina), the squid, the whelk (syctupush), the rock crab, the sand lance, and dogfish. The snail is abundant along the Atlantic coast as far south as Long Island. Boil it in salt water for fifteen minutes. Use a pin or needle to extract it from the shell. The squid is clean, and is found all along the coast. It is to be had for 10 cents per bucket, and may be fried or pickled in vinegar and spices.

"The whelk (large snail) makes a chowder equal to that of any clam. It may also be fried and is plentiful. The sand lance, or silver side, is better than any sardine if steamed under pressure and then preserved in olive oil. The dogfish may be prepared like any other fish."

Through Professor Field's experiments this fish is now being put up in cans like salmon. It tastes like sea bass. All the fish mentioned by Professor Field were served the dinner.

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Big Fare.

Sch. Thomas G. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, arrived here this morning from South Channel, with a big fare, 150,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock.

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TOOK BIG JUMP.

Salt Mackerel Reach Top Notch Price of Season.

All the Small Fares Now Cleaned Up at High Figures.

The fare of sch. J. W. Bradley sold to Fred Bradley at \$24 per barrel for medium and \$12 per barrel for tinkers.

The fares of schs. Good Luck and Norma sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. for a lump sum.

The fares of schs. Harvard and Mary E. Harty sold to William H. Jordan & Co.

The fare of sch. Cynthia sold to Harvey C. Smith for a lump sum.

The fare of sch. Robin Hood sold to Stanwood & Co.

The fare of sch. Romance sold to Fred Bradley for a lump sum, \$756.

The price on the fare of sch. J. W. Bradley is the highest of the season for a straight out and out purchase by the barrel, but the fare of sch. Romance, 29 barrels, nine barrels of large, 18 barrels of medium and 2 barrels of tinkers, was at the rate of \$31 per barrel for large, \$25 per barrel for medium and \$13 per barrel for tinkers. This is far and away the highest price of the season on all grades.

The following netters were at Portland yesterday:

Sch. Robert C. Harris, 250 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary E. Smith, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fannie Hayden, 600 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dixie, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

At Boston yesterday 125 barrels of large fresh mackerel were received by steamer and were sold for 25 cents per fish.

STEAMER ON A ROCK.

Sch. Mohawk Touched in Inner Harbor Yesterday Afternoon.

The steamer Mohawk, which plies between Boston and Eastport and stops here about every trip, came in yesterday afternoon and landed some cured fish. In getting away from Pew's wharf, she bid up on a rock near Five Pound island and hung there and the tugs pulled on her in vain. The craft waited until the tide arose when she floated apparently without damage and proceeded.

BANK COD GO UP.

Fare of Sch. American Brings a Good Advance.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. American sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. at \$3.50 per hundred weight for large, \$2.62 1-2 for medium and \$1.75 for hake, haddock and snappers. This is the highest price paid for a fare of salt bank cod this season.

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MONSTER SWORDFISH.

Largest One of the Season Landed at T Wharf.

The largest swordfish of the season was landed at T wharf this morning. It came from the sloop Marion and weighed 630 pounds. This beats the big fish which was sent to T wharf from Rockport a week or so ago and weighed 625 pounds and come close to the biggest fish of recent years, which was shipped to Boston from Boothbay Harbor a few seasons ago and weighed 647 pounds.

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HARD STRUGGLE.

Monster Swordfish Gives Two Fishermen a Long Tow.

Two members of the crew of the little sloop Marian of this port had a hard struggle Wednesday with a gigantic swordfish, which dragged their dory through the water at a furious pace, nearly capsizing it, and exposing the occupants to very grave danger.

The sloop sailed from Boston Tuesday and had not proceeded far out to sea when the large fish was discovered asleep on the surface. Launching a dory, two of the crew approached the monster without disturbing his slumber. When within a few yards the harpoon was cast and the startled and wounded fish started off at top speed, making the boat skim the waves like a toy ship in a tornado. But the strain on his vitals could not be borne long, and the giant of the deep was finally worn out, towed to the sloop and hoisted aboard.

The capture weighed over 600 pounds. Another swordfish, weighing 475 pounds, was captured less than an hour afterward.

The prizes brought 10 cents a pound and made each member of the crew richer by \$20 for their two days' work.

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FITTING FOR WEAKFISHING.

Sch. Mary E. Harty Getting Ready for a Southern Trip.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, is now fitting for a weakfishing trip to the southern waters, along the coast of New Jersey. Last year Capt. Cameron tried this business, being the pioneer from this port in this kind of fishing. The vessel will market her fares at Fulton market, New York, and will carry her seine the same as in mackerel fishing.

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Sch. Grace Choate, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, shore.

Sch. Viking, shore.

Sch. Atlanta, Bacalieu Bank, 40,000 lbs. halibut, 9000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Sch. Cavalier, Bacalieu Bank.

Sch. Corsair, seining, 90 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. A. T. Gifford, Georges, 24,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lillian, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Thomas S. South Channel, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Saladin, seining, 30 bbls. salt mackerel, 2 bbls. fresh mackerel.

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Salt medium mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

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Fresh medium mackerel, 15 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 3 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Electric Flash, 6000 fresh medium and tinker mackerel, 11 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 90,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4 swordfish.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 3500 fresh medium and tinker mackerel.

Sch. James A. Garfield, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Quonnapowit, 18,000 salt cod, 7000 fresh cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 12,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.15; swordfish, 9 cts. per lb.; fresh medium mackerel, 11 and 13 cts. each; fresh tinker mackerel, 5 and 6 cts. each.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin of Orland, Me., arrived at her home port a few days ago, from a salt bank dory handlining trip, with a fare of 251,000 pounds of salt cod.

Mackerel News.

There are two mackerel trips at Boston today, sch. Electric Flash, Capt. Samuel Keat, being there with 6000 fresh medium and tinker mackerel, and sch. Mary Emerson, Capt. Nelson, with 3500 fresh mediums and tinkers. The fish sold at from 11 to 14 cents for mediums and from 5 to 6 cents for tinkers.

The Clark's Harbor Coast Guard says:

"Some views of Capt. J. E. Brown on mackerel migration are original and likely enough. He says the schools last year were traced no farther than Cape North, not showing up at all in the bay. This season they dodged the seiners of Scatteri and thereabouts strangely disappearing from sight.

"Then came uncommonly large catches along Queens and St. Margaret's Bay, the biggest kind of fish and seeming there to stay. The five traps at Western Head were full nearly all the time and some mackerel from them which he examined had just spawned. He concludes that a change of spawning ground is taking place to our waters, instead of the Bay and Labrador. He may be right."

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Mackerel News.

The fare of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. for a lump sum.

The fare of sch. Terra Nova sold to Fred Bradley for \$24 per barrel.

Several of the seining fleet have arrived since Saturday and all with very small trips. Several of the crafts will now abandon the fishery. They have cruised all over the Bay of Fundy, have been to the Rips and scoured every part of Georges and found not a sign of mackerel, but met lots of albacores.